

The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

Bishop Manning, Chaplains and Other Clergy Ask Support for Veterans' Mountain Camp of Legion

State Adjutants Holding National Conference at Minneapolis This Week

Presiding clerical officers and prominent clergy of New York are giving their support to the Veterans' Mountain Camp of the American Legion as an especially worthy object for Christmas giving. This institution at Big Tupper Lake, N. Y., is carrying on the work of caring for sick and convalescent ex-service men who are not eligible for government care, and the clergy heartily recommend it to the church people of New York at Christmas time. Bishop William T. Manning issued a statement as follows: "The Veterans' Mountain Camp has been established by the American Legion to provide for ex-service men who have developed tuberculosis or other diseases since their discharge from the service, and therefore cannot be cared for in the insti-

tutions provided by the government. These men, whose breakdown in health is in most cases directly the result of their war service, peculiarly need and deserve the care which the Veterans' Mountain Camp provides. It is most appropriate that gifts should be made at Christmas for the support of this institution, and I hope that the soldiers, sailors and marines who need the help of the Veterans' Mountain Camp will be remembered by the people of New York City and the state."

Bishop Luther Wilson of the Methodist Episcopal Church has also issued a statement exhorting the people of the state not to forget the camp, as have Dr. John Roach Straton of the Calvary Baptist Church, and J. Lindley Spicer, of the New York Friends' Adult School, chaplain of the New York Veteran Police Association.

National Conference of Adjutants
American Legion adjutants from every state in the union are expected to attend a national conference on Legion affairs to be held in Indianapolis, the home of the national headquarters of the ex-service men's organization, to-day, to-morrow and Saturday. The program will include a discussion of affairs pertaining to the Legion's internal organization, as well as to the interest of ex-service men in general. Robert E. Bondy, director of the chapter service of the Southwestern division of the American Red Cross, will represent his organization

at the meeting. Special topics have been assigned to a number of state adjutants who will make their reports at the conference. Legion national officers are also on the program.

Marine Post Meets To-night

United States Marine Post, 500, at the meeting to-night, will elect officers for the coming year. The meeting, as usual, will be held at 100 Amsterdam Avenue. Several important matters of business will be brought up and the commander urges all members to be present.

Plan Special Party

A special meeting of A. R. Boyce Post, 251, will be held this evening at the residence of F. Tunney, 2935 Valantine Avenue, Bronx. H. Plato, the commander, requests that all members be present, as several matters require immediate attention. One of the most important of these is the completion of plans for the Christmas party for the benefit of the needy children.

Memorial to Veteran

The Church of the Epiphany, at Thirty-fifth Street and Lexington Avenue, will dedicate a memorial window to Sergeant Thomas A. Hegerty, who was a member of the 102d Field Signal Battalion, next Sunday morning. Signal Post, 342, has been invited to take part in the service. Members will assemble at the Signal Corps Armory, Thirty-fourth Street and Park Avenue, at 10:30 o'clock. All former members of the 102d Field Signal Battalion have been invited to take part.

Will Hold Winter Dance

H. H. Smith Post, 478, American Legion, will hold its annual winter dance to-night at the headquarters, 1405 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn. Visi-

tors from other posts and prospective members are welcome at all meetings.

Thirteenth Post Dance

On Wednesday evening, December 13, Thirteenth Post, 613, American Legion, will hold its second annual reception and dance at Trommer's Hall, on Bushwick Avenue, corner Conway Street, Brooklyn. The proceeds will go to the welfare fund for the needy ex-service men and their families.

50,000 Christmas Trees Make Downtown a Woods

Wholesale Prices Below Last Year Despite New England Embargo

The foot of Barclay Street is a green, pungent mass of balsam and spruce. The first shipments of Christmas trees to New York, more than 50,000, in bundles of two, three or four, have arrived.

The wholesale price of the trees is appreciably lower than last year, although merchants are unable to predict what conditions will be within the next two or three weeks.

The embargo on Christmas trees from New England is expected to limit the supply this season. Gypsy and brown-tail moths have been busy in the Northeastern woods, with such devastating results that the area has been quarantined, and the supply must come from Vermont, Maine, Canada and Nova Scotia. Trees from the Catskill and Adirondack mountains are not the kind wanted by the New York market. Conically shaped trees, well balanced, with thick branches and heavy green needles, are required.

Shell-Shocked War Veteran Beaten to Death, Jury Hears

Federal Inquiry at Philadelphia Discloses Charges Against U. S. Public Health Service Hospital

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—Charges that a shell shocked World War veteran was beaten to death, inhuman treatment was accorded wounded veterans, including a "water cure," were heard to-day by the Federal grand jury which is conducting an investigation of the former management of the United States Public Health Hospital in this city. The alleged mistreatment of wounded soldiers in the hospital is being investigated by the Department of Justice at the suggestion of the American Legion. Facts were laid before the Federal grand jury to-day. Affidavits charging that orderlies in the hospital kept shell shocked veterans in bathtubs of water of 96 de-

grees from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 1 o'clock the following morning were placed before the jury.

An affidavit by Walter Leggett, former orderly, of California, read: "While I was an orderly there I saw a former first lieutenant, who was shell shocked, given a severe beating in the face by orderlies. On March 4, 1920, I was walking in the yard when I saw a patient stick his head out of the window. He was shouting: 'They are killing a man in here.' I looked in the window and saw four orderlies beating Alphonso Swartz, a Belgian soldier, on the face and head. He was screaming for mercy. The Belgian was doused in a tub of water. He was taken back to his cot and given a hypodermic. One hour later he was dead."

Gallant Deeds of New Yorkers In World War To Be Inscribed

ALBANY, Dec. 6.—The gallant deeds accomplished during the World War by men from New York State will be commemorated by a memorial tablet in the restored library of the University of Louvain, Belgium, to be the gift of the New York National Guard. Adjutant General J. Leslie Kincaid to-day announced that he had authorized expenses of the tablet, to be charged against the military fund of the several regiments.

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